

I also want to recognize the great work by the staff who have fought for years to bring this bill to the floor: David Watkins, Brandon Bragato, Henry Wykowski, and Lora Snyder of the House Natural Resources majority staff, and indeed, Miranda Miller and Emily Silverberg from my office.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of S. 1942 to finally provide the certainty and, yes, the predictability that National Heritage Areas need to continue to serve local communities and strengthen local economies all across our great United States.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act.

We currently have 55 National Heritage Areas in operation nationwide—these are sites of important cultural significances that also spur jobs and have a positive economic impact.

And yet, no standardized process for administering National Heritage Areas exists. This has led to inconsistent oversight and management, as well as uncertainty for the future of these sites and future sites. The bill we are considering today would fix this.

This bill would also include legislation I led this Congress that would extend the authorization of the MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan.

The stories told by MotorCities cannot be told anywhere else. They are the stories of how auto tinkers became titans, how the area helped establish and expand the United States as an industrial power, and how the automotive industry helped create the middle class.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this important bill. And I thank Representative TONKO and Senator STABENOW for spearheading this effort, and I thank leadership for moving quickly to bring this bill to the floor before the 117th Congress closes.

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I stand here in full support of the passage of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act, which includes provisions from my bill, the Baltimore National Heritage Area Act, and creates a full reauthorization of the Baltimore National Heritage Area. The Baltimore National Heritage Area stretches over a majority of Maryland's 7th Congressional District, and includes important sites such as the Basilica of the Assumption, Mt. Clare Station and Roundhouse, and Edgar Allen Poe House. By reauthorizing this National Heritage Area through 2037 and updating the Area's map, this bill will secure federal support for Baltimore's most precious sites.

I grew up in Baltimore, amongst many of these historical sites, and I am thrilled to have provided this federal support to help preserve and celebrate the place I call home.

With reauthorization, federal support will continue to go towards local agencies and nonprofits who preserve and promote Baltimore's pivotal role in our nation's story and make strategic investments in cultural heritage tourism projects.

The annual economic impact of the Baltimore National Heritage Area is more than \$750 million, 6,400 jobs and \$61 million in state and tax revenue. The Heritage Area has served more than 15,000 youth from under-

served communities and provides continuous operation and program support to 35 historic museums, cultural attractions, and historic neighborhoods through a competitive grant program. I would like to thank Mr. SARBANES and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of the Baltimore delegation for helping me advocate for this reauthorization, and thank Senator CARDIN for introducing an identical reauthorization bill in the Senate. I urge full passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

KATIMIIN AND AMEEKYAARAAM SACRED LANDS ACT

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4439) to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4439

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam Sacred Lands Act".

SEC. 2. LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE KARUK TRIBE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land is located in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe; and

(2) the Karuk Tribe has historically used, and has an ongoing relationship with, the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) KATIMIIN AND AMEEKYAARAAM LAND.—The term "Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land" means the approximately 1,031 acres of Federal land, including improvements and

appurtenances to the Federal land, located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, and generally depicted as "Proposed Area" on the map of the Forest Service entitled "Katimiin Area Boundary Proposal" and dated August 9, 2021.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administrative jurisdiction of the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land is hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary, subject to the condition that the Chief of the Forest Service shall continue to manage the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land.

(d) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—The Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land is hereby taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, subject to—

(1) valid existing rights, contracts, and management agreements relating to easements and rights-of-way; and

(2) continued access by the Chief of the Forest Service for the purpose of managing the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam land.

(e) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide to the Secretary a complete survey of the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(f) USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Land taken into trust under subsection (d) may be used for traditional and customary uses for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

(2) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(g) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section affects the status or administration of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, including any component that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Karuk Tribe, consistent with the obligations of the Secretary of Agriculture under subsection (c), to establish mutual goals for the protection and enhancement of the river values of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of S. 4439, the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam Sacred Lands Act sponsored by Senator ALEX PADILLA and led here in the House by Representative JARED HUFFMAN.

The Karuk Tribe's ancestral territory encompasses over 1 million acres in northern California and southern Oregon with about 900 acres currently held in trust for the Tribe.

The lands known as Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam are ceremonial areas and village sites located at the Karuk Tribe's center of the world. These sites host the final series of the Tribe's Pikyavish World Renewal ceremonies.

The Aameekyaaraam is located downriver from the Katimiin and serves as the site of the Jump Dance and First Salmon ceremonies and the historical location of pre-contact inter-Tribal fish harvesting.

These sites remain essential to the Tribe's intergenerational cultural and environmental teachings.

Unfortunately, the Tribe's access to these sacred sites is not always guaranteed. In recent years, Tribal members have even been interrupted by members of the public during private components of their ceremonies.

S. 4439 will resolve this access issue by placing approximately 1,031 acres of Federal land located in Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties in trust for the Tribe.

The bill contains gaming prohibitions and confirms the U.S. Forest Service's authority over managing the wild and scenic rivers located on this parcel.

I thank Senator PADILLA and Representative HUFFMAN for championing this important bill.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, S. 4439 would place into trust approximately 1,031 acres of U.S. Forest Service land where the Salmon River meets the Klamath River in Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties in California for the Karuk Tribe.

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This bill would require that the land be taken into trust for traditional and customary uses for the benefit of the Tribe. This bill would prohibit gaming on the land and would require that the land held in trust shall not affect the status or administration of this section of the Klamath River as a wild and scenic river. The trust land is also subject to valid existing rights, contracts, and management agreements relating to easements and rights-of-way.

The Karuk Tribe is one of the largest Tribes in northern California with approximately 3,300 enrolled Tribal members. Its people have lived in northwestern California for thousands of years. The land being placed into trust for the Tribe is considered, as Mr. TONKO stated, the center of the world of their religion, and it is used for their annual world renewal ceremonies.

The Tribe has a special use permit with the Forest Service to access these lands for their ceremonies and closes the river during certain times in the summer to facilitate them. However, there have been public disruptions during the ceremonies from some unknowing individuals rafting the river.

This bill would ensure the Tribe is able to continue its religious practices and continue teaching future generations of the Karuk people the Tribe's culture and customs.

Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers. I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 4439 the Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam Sacred Lands Act. I was proud to partner with Sen. PADILLA and introduce the House companion, H.R. 6032. This bill will place 1,031 acres federal lands located in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties into trust for the Karuk Tribe. Natural resource stewardship of land, wildlife, plants, and water is at the core of the Karuk people's culture and identity. Yet 95 percent of their aboriginal territory is currently under federal management, undermining the tribe's ability to exercise traditional practices that have been passed down since time immemorial.

These lands, known as Katimiin and Aameekyaaraam, are ceremonial areas and village sites located at the Karuk Tribe's "center of the world." These areas are where the final series of the Tribes' annual Pik-ya-yish World Renewal ceremonies take place. Aameekyaaraam is located downriver from Katimiin and serves as the site of the Jump Dance and First Salmon ceremonies and is the historical location of pre-contact intertribal fish harvesting. While arrangements with the Forest Service have allowed the Karuk Tribe to use these areas for their ceremonies, their access is not always guaranteed, and privacy from the public remains an issue. This legislation returns this sacred ground to the Karuk Tribe, correcting a historic injustice.

I've had the immense privilege and honor of visiting this area—these lands are not only majestic, they are central to Karuk history, religion, culture, and identity. Placing them in trust ensures that the Karuk way of life can endure for future generations.

Under this bill, only Forest Service lands will transfer to the tribe; all private lands, allotments and existing rights associated with those will be excluded. The language includes Class I, II, and III gaming prohibitions, and confirms the U.S. Forest Service's authority over managing the Wild and Scenic Rivers located on this parcel of land. We've received widespread support from the local government, private landowners and businesses, neighboring tribes, and environmental organizations. To date, there has been no opposition to this legislation.

Senators PADILLA and FEINSTEIN have been wonderful partners in advancing this bill in the Senate, and the Karuk Tribe has worked with our offices tirelessly. It is my honor to advance this legislation that gives land back to the Karuk Tribe, and I urge my colleagues to vote Yea and get this bill to the President's desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 4439.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3519) to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3519

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail Designation Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(31) BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, a trail of approximately 3,292 miles following the route operated by the Butterfield Overland Mail Company, known as the 'Ox-Bow Route', to transport mail and passengers between the eastern termini of St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, and extending westward through the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, to the western terminus of San Francisco, California, as generally depicted on the maps numbered 1 through 15, entitled 'Study Route Maps', and contained in the report prepared by the National Park Service entitled 'Butterfield Overland Trail National Historical Trail Special Resource Study' and dated May 2018.

"(B) MAPS.—The maps described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

"(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail established by subparagraph (A) shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

"(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United States shall not acquire for the trail established by subparagraph (A) any land or interest in land outside of the exterior boundary of any federally administered area without the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.

"(E) NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this paragraph, the acquisition of land or an interest in land authorized by this paragraph, or any management plan for the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail creates a buffer zone outside of the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail.

"(ii) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail can be seen, heard, or detected from land or an interest in land acquired for the